ArchiveConnect.

Features

ArchiveConnect enables organizations to effectively deploy file archiving products with Mac desktops. File archiving solutions can help companies reduce storage costs by 80%, while reducing the cost and time spent backing up file servers. ArchiveConnect ensures that the Mac Finder provides a great end-user experience, allowing users to easily access both online and archived files, preventing the advanced Mac usability features like "Preview", "Quick Look" and "Cover Flow" from triggering unnecessary requests to restore archived files.

Learn more about the features ArchiveConnect offers:

Feature	Description
Seamless user experience across archived and online files	
Seamless support for "stub" files	Browsing a file server with both online and offline files will not cause files to be restored. Offline files can be brought online by double clicking the file.
Macintosh advanced user experience features will not cause files to be brought online	Features such as Quick Look, Cover Flow and file previewing will not cause archived files to be brought online to generate "previews."
Desktop applications will be able to access archived files and bring them online.	Desktop applications, such as Adobe Photoshop and iPhoto, can access archived files and bring them online through their open dialog as they usually do.
Online files behave as normal with the Macintosh Find feature and through access via the Open dialog in desktop applications	Thumbnail and preview options will continue to work as they would without file archiving. (ArchiveConnect/ExtremeZ-IP bundle only)
Offline files are color-coded providing visual and intuitive indication that files are archived.	ArchiveConnect/ExtremeZ-IP bundle only
Seamless support for Mac resource forks which may be archived or left online.	Mac resource forks can be archived with their main data file or they can be left online. Regardless of their state, ArchiveConnect will handle them correctly and associate them with the appropriate file. Offline files may appear with a thumbnail/ preview if they have a thumbnail/preview available in their resource fork.
Alternative access modes	Although offline files will be accessible via double click, an administrator can configure ArchiveConnect to require that users explicitly recall archived files before opening them. (ArchiveConnect/ExtremeZ-IP bundle only)
Contextual Menu Plug-in	
End-users simply right-click on a file and access a menu option where they can bring an archived file back online	Right-clicking (or Control-Click) on one or more files or folders will cause a contextual menu to appear. One of the options in this menu is a "Bring Online" option where users can request that files be brought online. If the bring online option is selected, then a confirmation dialog will appear before the selected files are restored.
Support for selecting multiple files or folders	If a user selects multiple files or folders (with or without sub- folders) and then right-clicks and selects "Bring Online," the system will calculate the number of files that will be restored and ask the user for confirmation that these files should be restored.



Finder's Get Info function behaves appropriately for both online and offline files	Clicking the Get Info feature will only provide the user with available information. It will not trigger the system to restore archived files.
Easy to install desktop client	
ArchiveConnect includes its own installer	ArchiveConnect can be either installed manually or distributed by third party software distribution tools to make deployment and adoption as easy as possible.
Support and compatibility	
Mac desktop support	Mac OS X versions 10.4.11, 10.5.7 or later are all supported. This includes Mac OS X 10.6 Snow Leopard when it is released.
Supported protocols	ArchiveConnect works with the SMB/CIFS or AFP file sharing protocols. ExtremeZ-IP is the only server-based AFP solution supported by ArchiveConnect.
ExtremeZ-IP support	When ArchiveConnect is used while connected to an ExtremeZ- IP AFP file server, offline files are color-coded so that users can easily see which files are archived.
Two or more users trying to restore the same file at the same time	If an offline file has already been brought online, and another user requests access to the same file, the plug-in acts as if the file has been restored without generating a second copy of the file(s).

 1 Previewing is not available when using SMB with Mac OS X 10.4 $\,$

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